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E.O. 12865 RDS-4 08/08/95 (ARCHARD, D.B.) OR-M  
TAGS: PEPR, PINS, AF, PK  
SUBJ: (C) AFGHAN DISSIDENTS' RADIO TRANSMITTERS

REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 8629, (B) ISLAMABAD 8780, (C) STATE 203803

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT).

2. ACCORDING TO AFGHAN-BORN AMCIIT ZIA NASSERY, THERE SOON WILL BE A SECOND AFGHAN DISSIDENT RADIO TRANSMITTER, IN ADDITION TO RADIO ASMAR IN OPERATION IN THIS AREA. NASSERY IS CURRENTLY IN-PESHAWAR IN CONNECTION WITH HIS NEW PUSHTUN-AMERICAN CLINIC FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES. (REFTEL A. ALSO, SEPARATE MEMCON WILL BE POUNCHED.)

3. NASSERY CLAIMS TO HAVE BROUGHT WITH HIM FROM THE U.S. A SMALL RADIO TRANSMITTER WITH A RANGE OF 80 KILOMETERS. RADIO, WHICH OPERATES OFF AN AUTO STORAGE BATTERY, REPORTEDLY IS SMALL ENOUGH TO FIT INTO A SUITCASE. NASSERY WAS A BIT VAGUE AS TO ITS SOURCE, SAYING ONLY THAT HE HAD PICKED IT UP IN THE U.S. HE DID NOT OFFER TO LET ME SEE THE RADIO, NOR DID I ASK TO DO SO.

4. ZIA HASSERY WAS ALSO VAGUE AS TO THE INTENDED USE OF THE TRANSMITTER. IT WILL BE OPERATED IN THE BORDER AREA, EITHER ON THE PAK SIDE OR IN A "LIBERATED" AREA OF AFGHANISTAN. THE RADIO, LIKE THE CLINIC HE IS ESTABLISHING, WOULD NOT BE AFFILIATED WITH ANY PARTICULAR DISSIDENT GROUP BUT WOULD INSTEAD BE "NEUTRAL." IT IS INTENDED FOR "HUMANITARIAN" PURPOSES, HE SAID.

5. GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN IS AWARE THAT HASSERY BROUGHT THE TRANSMITTER INTO THE COUNTRY, ACCORDING TO HASSERY.

6. THE DISSIDENT-CONTROLLED TRANSMITTER (RADIO ASMAR) WHICH HAS BEEN OPERATING SPORADICALLY FOR ABOUT A MONTH IS A PIECE OF CAPTURED EQUIPMENT, HASSERY TOLD ME. REPORTEDLY, RADIO IS A JEEP-MOUNTED, RUSSIAN-MADE TRANSMITTER CAPTURED FROM THE AFGHAN ARMY AND MODIFIED FOR GENERAL BROADCASTS. RADIO IS CONTROLLED BY GUL BADEEN HIKMATIYAR'S HIZB ISLAMI.

7. EMBASSY ISLAMABAD ADDS: THIS REPORT WAS WRITTEN IN PESHAWAR BEFORE POUCH CONTAINING COPIES OF REFS (B) AND (C) ARRIVED THERE; HENCE, CONSUL WAS NOT AWARE OF THAT EXCHANGE.

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